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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Town of Hopkinton

FOR THE

Fiscal Year Ending February 15

— 1915 —

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OF THE TOWN OF

HOPKINTON

COMPRISING THE REPORTS OF

Selectmen, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Highway Agents, School Board, Library Trustees and Auditors

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 15, 1915

IRA C. EVANS CO., PRINTERS
CONCORD, N. H.
1915

TOWN OFFICERS.

Moderator.

CHARLES C. DAVIS.

Selectmen.

ROBERT T. GOULD.
ARTHUR J. KELLEY.
JAMES O. STRAW.

Town Clerk.

JOHN A. FULLER.

Town Treasurer.

JAMES G. RICE.

Collector of Taxes.

ARTHUR G. SYMONDS.

Highway Agents.

THOMAS W. PAIGE.
ARTHUR O. CHANDLER.

Town Auditors.

HARRY W. MARSHALL.
FRANK I. MORRILL.
GEORGE M. PUTNAM.

Board of Health.

W. H. TARBELL, term expires in 1915.
GEORGE C. BLAISDELL, term expires in 1916.
WILLIAM C. RUSS, term expires in 1917.

Supervisors of Checklist.

EDMOND G. DANFORTH.
RAYMOND J. BARNARD.
HERBERT J. FRENCH.

School Board.

C. H. PEASLEE, term expires March, 1915.
GEORGE E. LORD, term expires March, 1916.
J. A. JONES, term expires March, 1917.

Treasurer of School District.

SARAH U. KIMBALL.

School District Auditor.

GEORGE M. PUTNAM.

Library Trustees.

FRANK I. MORRILL, term expires March, 1915.
ANSTIS I. GREENE, term expires March, 1916.
SAMUEL T. SYMONDS, term expires March, 1917.

Truant Officers.

Eben F. Dustin. H. F. Edmunds.

Fence Viewers.

Jacob S. Tuttle. George W. Burnham.
R. T. Gould.

Constable.

Frank I. Morrill.

Tramp Police.

Oscar N. Chase. Frank H. Mills.
Walter F. Hoyt.

Police.

Jacob S. Tuttle. A. C. Call.
Charles A. Mills.

Fire Wards.

Horace J. Davis. F. L. Flanders.
Frank I. Morrill. W. C. Russ.
H. T. Skelly. H. F. Edmunds.
Parker Flanders. Charles C. Kimball.

Forest Fire Ward.

Will H. Milton.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

George E. Lord.

Weighers.

Leon D. Whittier. E. E. Sawyer. J. Arthur Jones.
Charles C. Kimball. Charles A. Preston.

Sextons.

E. E. Dunbar. Amos H. Davis.
A. S. Eaton. Will H. Milton.
Ira A. Putney. Edward M. Hook.

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber.

H. J. Davis. Henry I. Burbank.
Parker Flanders. A. C. Call.
F. I. Morrill. H. H. Crowell.
E. F. Dustin. D. F. Fisk.
F. E. Dodge. A. J. Boutwell.
George E. Barnard. F. L. Flanders.
H. W. Marshall. Walter C. Hackett.
J. O. Straw. Ray Burbank.
E. E. Sawyer. A. J. Kelley.
F. H. Carr.

Dog Officer.

Jacob S. Tuttle.

Ballot Inspectors.

Eben F. Dustin.
George M. Putnam.
Willis N. Davis.
Arthur M. Burnham.

Moth Agent.

Walter E. Goodwin.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Hopkinton, in the County of Merrimack, in said state, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Hopkinton, on Tuesday, the ninth day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.

3. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repairs of highways and bridges in addition to the amount required by law, and appropriate the same.

4. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of the Hopkinton Free Public Library, and appropriate the same.

5. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for Memorial Day, and appropriate the same.

6. To hear and act upon the reports of town officers, library trustees, and committees.

7. To see if the town will vote to accept the conditions of the act of legislature passed in 1905 and amendments, to wit An act to provide for state aid, and for the expenditure of other public money, in the permanent improvement of main highways throughout the state, and see what sum or sums of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same.

8. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the maintenance of state highway, and appropriate the same.

9. To see if the town will vote to allow two per cent. discount on all taxes paid on or before July 1, 1915.

10. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to distribute the inventory blanks not earlier than April 1, 1915.

11. To see if the town will vote to replace the shade trees in Hopkinton Village, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

12. To see if the town will vote to reconsider that part of the vote taken at the last annual meeting which relates to the location of a memorial to the late Mary E. Elliott and leave the matter to the selectmen.

13. To see if the town will vote to allow George A. S. Kimball to remove the fence as it now stands in the rear and across the back end of the Hopkinton Village Cemetery, to a point sixty (60) feet from the same, said Kimball to bear the expense of said removal, the town agreeing to afterwards maintain the same.

14. To see what action the town will take in relation to tramps, and pass any vote relating thereto.

15. To see what action the town will take in regard to repairing the present, or building a new bridge at Tyler, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

16. To see if the town will allow Herbert Benton to change the highway running past his residence, the said Benton to bear all expense for the same, subject to the approval of the selectmen.

17. To see if the town will vote to accept a deed of the old "Putnam Cemetery" located on the farm of Charles R. Putnam with a right of way leading thereto, and a trust fund for the care of the same.

18. To see if the town will vote to purchase land for an addition to the Stumpfield Cemetery, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

19. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its charter, and appropriate the same.

20. To see what action the town will take toward the selection of a committee or committees, who shall have charge of the celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the town of Hopkinton.

21. To see what action the town will take in regard to the installation of a proper sewerage system in the village of Contoocook, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

22. To hear and transact any other business that may properly come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this twenty-third day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifteen.

ROBERT T. GOULD,
ARTHUR J. KELLEY,
JAMES O. STRAW,
Selectmen of Hopkinton.

A true copy of warrant—attest:

ROBERT T. GOULD,
ARTHUR J. KELLEY,
JAMES O. STRAW,
Selectmen of Hopkinton.

INVENTORY OF TAXABLE PROPERTY, APRIL 1, 1914.

Polls, 442.	
Real estate,	$920,810
Horses, 348,	34,990
Mules, 6,	900
Oxen, 34,	2,875
Cows, 572,	23,390
Neat stock, 196,	5,470
Sheep, 208,	880
Hogs, 19,	239
Fowls, 480,	275
Vehicles and automobiles, 48,	16,675
Portable mills, 10,	2,195
Wood, lumber, etc.,	30,035
Stock in public funds,	3,200
Stock in banks in this state,	5,631
Money on hand,	10,064
Stock in trade,	38,260
Mills and machinery,	73,900
	$1,169,739
Soldiers' exemption,	14,035
Total valuation,	$1,183,774

Rate per cent. of taxation, town, $1.90.
Rate per cent. of taxation, Contoocook precinct, $0.43.
Rate per cent. of taxation, Hopkinton fire district, $0.56.

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS, 1914.

State tax,	$3,072.00
County tax,	2,159.38
Highways and bridges by law,	2,923.59
Highways and bridges by vote,	1.00
State highway maintenance,	1,000.00
State aid, highway,	1,925.00
Town charges,	750.00
Free public library,	300.00
Elliott memorial,	500.00
Spraying outfit,	350.00
Setting trees at Contoocook Cemetery,	200.00
Memorial Day,	75.00
	$13,255.97

Hopkinton School District appropriations:

School money by law,	$2,880.00	
School money by vote of district,	6,515.00	
		$9,395.00
Contoocook precinct,	$1,400.00	
Hopkinton fire district,	600.00	
		2,000.00
Total appropriations, 1914,		$24,650.97

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Received from—

Merrimack County, aid to soldiers,	$335.06
Merrimack County, aid to paupers,	128.07
state, portion state highway joint fund,	462.25
state, portion state highway maintenance fund,	963.59
Winnipocket Farm, corrugated pipe,	29.40
D. F. Fisk, repairing railing at new bridge,	6.89
J. A. Cooper, error in account, 1913,	.33
J. O. Straw, sale of town history,	2.50
A. J. Kelley, sale of town histories,	5.00
R. T. Gould, show licenses,	11.00
R. T. Gould, cemetery lots sold,	10.00
A. J. Kelley, cemetery lot sold,	3.00
J. O. Straw, sale of old plank,	2.00
J. O. Straw, sale of stationery,	.20
E. E. Dunbar, rent of town hall,	20.75
E. E. Dunbar, rent of hearse,	2.00
H. P. Wilson, rent of pasture,	5.00
Fred J. Chase, for support of Emily J. Chase,	70.00
state highway department, rent of steam roller,	371.00
	$2,428.04

The selectmen are chargeable with orders drawn on the treasurer, viz.:

STATE TAX.

State treasurer,	$3,072.00

COUNTY TAX.

County treasurer,	$2,159.38

SCHOOL MONEY.

Sarah U. Kimball, treasurer,	$9,395.00
C. H. Peaslee, literary fund,	691.61
C. H. Peaslee, dog licenses,	211.64
	$10,298.25

MEMORIAL DAY.

H. H. Crowell, Q. M. Col. Putnam Post, G. A. R.,	$75.00

HOPKINTON VILLAGE FIRE DISTRICT.

H. F. Edmunds, treasurer,	$600.00

CONTOOCOOK PRECINCT.

J. A. Fuller, treasurer,	$1,400.00

HOPKINTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Anstis I. Greene, trustee,	$150.00
Frank I. Morrill, trustee,	150.00
	$300.00

HIGHWAY, WINTER WORK.

T. W. Paige, agent,	$548.65
A. O. Chandler, agent,	648.15
A. S. Eaton, snowing Tyler bridge,	4.90
	$1,201.70

HIGHWAY, SUMMER WORK.

T. W. Paige, agent,	$1,340.89
A. O. Chandler, agent,	1,024.56
A. O. Chandler, agent, cemetery road and sidewalks,	198.30
	$2,563.75

HIGHWAY, CUTTING BUSHES.

T. W. Paige, agent,	$130.00
A. O. Chandler, agent,	160.50
	$290.50

BRIDGE REPAIRS.

Storrs Engineering Co., for inspection,	$150.00
Leatherbee & Co., 9,152 feet hard pine lumber for Contoocook bridge,	255.41
J. O. Straw, pay-roll for repairs on Contoocook bridge,	221.42
Curtice & Co., spikes and supplies for Contoocook bridge,	29.21
Curtice & Co., corrugated roofing,	34.47
Boston & Maine R. R., freight on lumber,	93.19
L. I. Claflin, team for bridge inspection,	4.00
Wheeling Corrugating Co., corrugated roofing for West Hopkinton and new bridge,	465.96
J. O. Straw, pay-roll for laying roofing on West Hopkinton bridge,	39.75
J. O. Straw, pay-roll for laying roofing on new bridge,	24.25

J. O. Straw, pay-roll for installing floor at West Hopkinton bridge,	$122.39
J. B. Felch, labor on West Hopkinton bridge,	4.00
Roy D. Emerson, drawing lumber, iron and gravel,	38.00
Davis Grocery Co., spikes and nails,	2.40
	$1,484.45

STEAM ROLLER ACCOUNT.

Buffalo Steam Roller Co., for balance due on contract,	$1,424.50
Thompson & Hoague, for supplies,	.85
Buffalo Steam Roller Co., for supplies,	8.75
E. E. Sawyer, for coal,	.90
Lester Brown, labor on roller,	1.50
J. P. Goodrich, car fare and supplies,	1.80
J. P. Goodrich, labor on roller,	6.81
	$1,445.11

TRAMP DEPARTMENT.

Frank H. Mills, care 245 tramps,	$61.25
Charles C. Kimball, bread and coffee for tramps,	15.50
Parker Flanders, 1 cord wood for tramp house,	5.00
S. B. Sanborn, 1 cord wood for tramp house,	4.00
Leon Brown, drawing wood for tramp house,	2.00
Oscar N. Chase, care 350 tramps,	87.50
Oscar N. Chase, 4½ cords wood for tramp house,	19.00
Oscar N. Chase, extra food for tramps,	6.50
Curtice & Co., 3 quilts for tramp house,	2.50
H. P. Wilson, rent of land for tramp house,	2.00
	$205.25

DEPENDENT SOLDIERS, COUNTY.

Aid rendered soldiers and families,	$337.56

COUNTY POOR.

Frank L. Flanders, goods furnished Elisha Mayo,	$7.78
George M. Putnam, moving Elisha Mayo's family,	16.00
A. J. Kelley, cash paid for nursing and care of Maud Eagle,	12.00
Dr. W. H. Tarbell, medical attendance to Maud Eagle,	15.00
Curtice & Co., goods furnished Dolf Mitchel family,	11.34
E. G. Cilley, wood furnished Dolf Mitchel family,	11.38
Dr. W. H. Tarbell, medical attendance to Dolf Mitchel family,	12.00
W. N. Davis, goods furnished Dolf Mitchel family,	4.32
Tripp, Tennant & Winslow, rent of house for Dolf Mitchell family,	21.00
Dr. G. C. Blaisdell, medical attendance to Gilman Scribner (tramp),	1.50
J. O. Straw, supplies furnished Amos Brockett,	20.00
Dr. G. C. Blaisdell, medical attendance to Amos Brockett family,	7.75
	$140.07

TOWN POOR.

Curtice & Co., supplies furnished James Ripley,	$103.80
C. A. Preston, for rent of house,	27.00
E. E. Sawyer, wood for James Ripley,	19.50
Robert Smith, moving James Ripley,	3.00
Lindsey W. Adams, assistance in moving James Ripley,	1.50

S. B. Sanborn, 1 cord wood for James Ripley,	$4.00
Dr. W. H. Tarbell, medical attendance to James Ripley,	7.00
Nettie B. Smart, for board and care of Emily J. Chase,	70.00
	$235.80

MOTH ACCOUNT.

Account of 1913-1914.

Walter E. Goodwin, agent, pay-roll,	$208.25
W. A. Baker, insurance on moth men,	12.00
Curtice & Co., moth pole and rope,	1.10
Samuel Cabot Inc. Co., half barrel creosote,	3.03
Charles S. Rowell, agent, pay-roll,	212.31
	$436.69
Charged to property owners,	248.47
	$188.22

Account of 1914-1915.

Walter E. Goodwin, agent, pay-roll,	$228.68
Samuel Cabot Inc. Co., 58 gallons creosote,	8.38
R. T. Gould, freight on creosote,	1.14
R. T. Gould, express on moth notices,	.17
R. T. Gould, postage and envelopes,	5.50
	$243.87
Charged to property owners,	42.45
	$201.42

SPRAYING ACCOUNT.

Curtice & Co., sprayer and supplies,	$207.75
Curtice & Co., 350 lbs. arsenate of lead,	24.35
J. E. Derry, gasoline and oil,	4.00
Thompson & Hoague, repairs and supplies,	21.90
A. J. Kelley, spraying pay-roll,	91.75
	$349.75
Charged to property owners,	25.70
	$324.05

SETTING TREES AT CONTOOCOOK CEMETERY.

Stephen Hoyt Sons Co., for 18 spruce trees,	$38.00
W. H. Milton, men and team, setting trees,	11.80
R. T. Gould, labor setting trees,	3.50
R. T. Gould, freight on trees,	2.86
	$56.16

CEMETERIES.

Contoocook Water Works, for Contoocook Cemetery,	$12.00
W. H. Milton, sexton, labor, etc., Contoocook Cemetery,	17.25
H. S. Diman, labor and supplies, Contoocook Cemetery,	1.75
H. S. Diman, labor and supplies, Hopkinton Old Cemetery,	1.05
Hopkinton Village Aqueduct Association, for water at Old Cemetery,	10.00

Edson Page, mowing and raking Old Cemetery,	$10.00
Charles R. Bradbury, clearing Old Cemetery,	15.25
Edson Page, mowing and raking New Cemetery,	8.00
A. S. Eaton, care and labor at Blackwater Cemetery,	3.50
Ira A. Putney, mowing and raking Putney Hill Cemetery,	1.25
Don S. Felch, mowing and raking Stumpfield Cemetery,	6.00
Edward M. Hook, mowing and raking Clement's Hill Cemetery,	5.00
Edward M. Hook, labor on fence, Clement's Hill Cemetery,	1.00
	$92.05

FOREST AND OTHER FIRES.

J. E. Fellows, fire on main road,	$3.50
Albert French, watching fire on main road,	.75
Moses Clark, watching fire at Mrs. Clough's,	2.40
Contoocook Hook and Ladder Company, fire at section house,	2.75
Contoocook Hose Company, fire at J. M. Johnson's,	4.25
Contoocook Hook and Ladder Company, fire at J. M. Johnson's,	2.25
Fire King Engine Company, fire at Charles C. Kimball store,	.75
Contoocook Hook and Ladder Company, fire at Mrs. Van Page's,	1.50
	$18.15

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Jacob S. Tuttle, services and expenses,	$25.44
A. C. Call, services and expenses,	13.32
W. C. Emerson, services July 3 and 4, 1914,	4.00
Arthur Hathorne, services July 3 and 4, 1914,	4.00
Charles A. Mills, services,	4.00
Moses W. Burbank, services,	4.00
Charles C. Kimball, services,	2.00
A. J. Kelley, two police badges,	1.50
	$58.26

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Dr. G. C. Blaisdell, services,	$15.00
Dr. W. H. Tarbell,	15.00
F. H. Reed, supplies furnished board of health,	4.00
	$34.00

TEMPORARY LOANS AND INTEREST.

National State Capital Bank, note and interest, No. 14,	$3,025.00
National State Capital Bank, note and interest, No. 18,	2,050.00
National State Capital Bank, interest on notes Nos. 14 and 15,	125.00
National State Capital Bank, interest on note No. 14,	75.00
National State Capital Bank, interest on note No. 17,	150.00
National State Capital Bank, interest on note No. 15,	50.00
Perley D. Barnard, interest on note No. 16,	25.00
	$5,500.00

DOG DAMAGE.

George E. Patch, damage to sheep,	$15.00
Edward G. Runnells, damage to sheep,	10.00
	$25.00

TOWN OFFICERS.

Arthur G. Symonds, services as tax collector,	$250.00
James G. Rice, services as treasurer,	100.00
John A. Fuller, services as clerk,	55.00
L. A. Nelson, services as supervisor,	33.00
E. G. Danforth, services as supervisor,	33.00
N. D. Kimball, services as supervisor,	31.00
A. G. Symonds, services as auditor,	3.00
A. F. Runnells, services as auditor,	3.00
A. P. Dunbar, services as auditor,	3.00
E. F. Dustin, services as ballot inspector,	7.50
A. M. Burnham, services as ballot inspector,	7.50
W. N. Davis, services as ballot inspector,	7.50
G. M. Putnam, services as ballot inspector,	7.50
W. A. Baker, services as selectman after settlement,	28.00
R. T. Gould, services as selectman after settlement,	27.00
A. J. Kelley, services as selectman after settlement	27.00
R. T. Gould, services as selectman,	251.00
J. O. Straw, services as selectman,	178.50
A. J. Kelley, services as selectman,	170.70
	$1,223.20

ABATEMENTS, ERRORS AND DISCOUNTS.

List of A. G. Symonds, Collector, 1914.

H. E. Eaton, error in moth work,	$5.00
Mrs. Albertina Stevens, error in moth work,	2.00
W. J. Green, error in moth work,	.75
E. C. Currier, error in inventory,	5.70
George C. Junkins, poll tax paid in Meriden, N. H.,	2.00
Lewis L. Matott, over seventy,	2.00
James W. Lock, poll tax paid in Wiscassett, Me.,	2.00
O. W. Wiggin, poll tax paid in Massachusetts,	2.00
Claud D. Adams, poll tax paid in Massachusetts,	2.00
Harry E. Bunnell, poll tax paid in Warner, N. H.,	2.00
Harlan W. Densmore (received county aid),	2.00
E. F. Dustin, over seventy,	2.00
Maurice C. Melcher, poll tax paid in Franklin, N. H.,	2.00
Frank H. Mills, poll tax assessed twice,	2.00
James P. Moran, poll tax paid in Concord, N. H.,	2.00
Arthur Davis, poll tax paid in Massachusetts,	2.00
Willard E. Mathews, poll tax paid in Henniker, N. H.,	2.00
William M. Nichols, poll tax paid in Washington, N. H.,	2.00
Nathaniel Woodbury, poll tax paid in Weare, N. H.,	2.00
W. Howard, poll tax paid in Massachusetts,	2.00
Two per cent. discount on taxes paid July 1, 1914,	167.16
	$212.61

MISCELLANEOUS.

Richard R. Clough, stationery and printing,	$18.05
J. E. Derry, blacksmith work,	22.00
Edson C. Eastman Co., blanks, etc.,	3.87
Contoocook Hose Company, pay-roll,	60.87

H. S. Diman, labor and supplies on Contoocook fountain,	$7.00
H. S. Diman, labor and supplies on Hopkinton fountain,	5.46
H. S. Diman, labor and supplies,	1.00
H. S. Diman, labor and supplies at town house,	4.84
Contoocook Electric Light Co., lighting town house,	47.00
E. G. Cilley, labor and supplies,	5.22
Contoocook Water-Works, water for Contoocook fountain,	12.00
Foster & Nelson, supplies for road agent,	10.61
W. N. Davis, supplies for road agent,	16.65
Fire King Engine Company, pay-roll,	92.75
Bounty on hedgehogs,	5.60
Contoocook Garage, labor and supplies,	6.75
W. C. Russ, board of town officers,	15.50
Thompson & Hoague, for supplies,	.85
Curtice & Co., supplies for road agent,	1.12
J. A. Fuller, insurance for town house,	25.00
Benjamin Symonds, one cord wood at town house,	7.00
B. C. Wescott, rent engine hall,	4.00
Boston & Maine R. R., switch charge on oil car,	2.00
R. J. Barnard, railings for highway,	15.00
W. F. Fuller, making sign-boards,	2.35
E. E. Dunbar, labor on voting booths,	10.95
Edson Page, mowing and raking common,	1.00
W. A. Baker, making and painting signs,	8.10
Good Roads Machine Co., corrugated pipe,	29.40
I. A. Hicks, postage and envelopes,	6.30
J. E. Fellows, cleaning vaults,	1.00
Niles & Upton, legal advice, 1913,	30.00
Bernice M. King, copying inventory,	10.00
J. O. Straw, sign-boards and posts,	2.50
Curtice & Co., tile,	10.65
J. E. Derry, for road drag,	10.00

Daniel Griffin, mail carrier, extra travel,	$1.75
E. J. Fletcher, painting four auto signs,	6.00
R. T. Gould, rent of engine hall,	1.00
A. H. Britton & Co., road drag,	24.00
C. C. Jones, treasurer's bond,	12.50
J. E. Derry, road drag and labor,	15.15
R. T. Gould, freight on road drag,	1.45
H. O. Follansbee, mail carrier, extra travel,	12.00
E. C. Eastman Co., tax-book,	2.50
Ira C. Evans Co., 750 town reports and tramp notices,	106.00
Rev. W. F. Mevis, marriage license returned,	.50
W. A. Baker, labor, postage, etc., after settlement,	7.83
C. C. Jones, tax collector's bond,	15.00
M. D. Chase, one cord wood for town house,	7.00
W. A. Baker, express on town reports,	1.08
Burbank Lumber Co., sawing plank,	8.34
J. G. Rice, postage, and telephone tolls,	1.00
A. J. Kelley, sundries for town,	1.15
A. J. Kelley, telephone tolls for selectmen,	6.60
A. J. Kelley, office supplies,	1.40
E. E. Dunbar, services as janitor,	25.00
R. T. Gould, telephone rent and batteries for town house,	3.50
R. T. Gould, car fare,	3.36
J. A. Fuller, obtaining names of 13 children,	3.25
J. A. Fuller, postage and stationery,	10.93
J. A. Fuller, recording vital statistics,	16.05
J. A. Fuller, cash paid out of town clergymen and doctors, vital statistics,	7.75
A. G. Symonds, collector, postage and envelopes,	10.62
A. J. Kelley, car fare,	3.20
Dr. W. H. Tarbell, return of vital statistics,	5.25
J. A. Fuller, attending tax sale, 1913,	1.00
J. A. Fuller, writing five cemetery deeds,	2.50
J. A. Fuller, drawing and notifying jurors,	3.04

Contoocook Hook and Ladder Company, payroll,	$45.00
F. L. Flanders, supplies for road agent,	4.28
R. F. Robinson, cloth for voting booths,	1.62
Hopkinton Village Aqueduct Association, water for town house,	10.00
Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, supper for election officers,	6.00
Baltimore Novelty Co., railroad crossing notices,	6.50
R. T. Gould, freight on signs,	1.09
Fred H. Chase, oak and hemlock lumber,	395.67
J. P. Goodrich, one cord wood at town house,	7.00
J. E. Derry, services as sub-registrar,	1.87
J. E. Derry, chaining tree,	2.50
Thomas Hinton, maintaining water tub,	3.00
D. F. Fisk, 20 posts,	5.00
Dr. G. C. Blaisdell, returning vital statistics,	5.50
Contoocook Electric Light Co., lighting Contoocook bridge and lamps,	33.50
	$1,368.62

STATE HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

State contribution,		$1,000.00
State balance from 1913,		5.05
		$1,005.05
State disbursements:		
Paid engineering and inspection,	$27.26	
for oil,	35.18	
Walter E. Cressy, oil and labor,	665.36	
to town of Hopkinton,	235.79	
		963.59
Balance in state treasury,		$41.46

Town contribution,		$1,000.00
Town disbursements:		
Paid Walter E. Goodwin, patrolman,	$528.80	
Walter E. Cressy, oil and labor,	680.72	
Total,	$1,209.52	
Cash received from state,	235.79	
		973.73
Balance in town treasury,		$26.27

SUMMARY.

State tax,	$3,072.00
County tax,	2,159.38
School money,	10,298.25
Memorial Day,	75.00
Library,	300.00
Contoocook precinct,	1,400.00
Hopkinton Village Fire District,	600.00
Highway, summer work,	2,563.75
Highway, winter work,	1,201.70
Highway, cutting bushes,	290.50
Bridge repairs,	1,484.45
Steam roller account,	1,445.11
Tramp department,	205.25
Dependent soldiers, county,	337.56
County poor,	140.07
Town poor,	235.81
Moth account,	680.56
Spraying account,	349.75
Setting trees at Contoocook Cemetery,	56.16
Cemeteries,	92.05
Forest and other fires,	18.15
Police department,	58.26

Board of health,	$34.00
Temporary loans and interest,	5,500.00
Town officers,	1,223.20
Dog damage,	25.00
Abatements, errors and discounts,	212.61
Miscellaneous,	1,368.62
State highway maintenance,	1,209.52
	$36,636.71

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT T. GOULD,
ARTHUR J. KELLEY,
JAMES O. STRAW,
Selectmen of Hopkinton.

This is to certify that we have examined the accounts of the selectmen of the town of Hopkinton, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

HARRY W. MARSHALL,
FRANK I. MORRILL,
GEORGE M. PUTNAM,
Auditors of Hopkinton.

Hopkinton, February 20, 1915.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF TOWN.

ASSETS.

Cash on hand at settlement,	$4,648.50
Road machines, snow rollers and sundry tools,	400.00
Tool houses and lots,	300.00
Tar kettle, gas engine and pump,	250.00
Spraying outfit,	100.00
Two hearses,	200.00
Stone crushing plant,	1,000.00
Steam road roller,	1,500.00
Unimproved land and growth at New Cemetery,	350.00
Unimproved land and growth at Contoocook Cemetery,	400.00
Bridge plank on hand,	200.00
Four safes,	350.00
	$9,698.50

LIABILITIES.

Elliott memorial appropriation,	$500.00	
Outstanding notes,	5,500.00	
		6,000.00
Balance in favor of town,		$3,698.50

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF ELLIOTT FUND.

DR.

To balance, February 14, 1914,	$1,442.00	
To interest received,	1,490.00	
		$2,932.00

CR.

By paid benevolences by order of almoners,	$1,384.94	
trustees' bond,	86.67	
postage,	3.21	
expenses,	6.00	
		1,480.82
Balance on hand February 15, 1915,		$1,451.18

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE J. DAVIS,
GEORGE E. BARNARD,
Trustees.

Approved,

ROBERT T. GOULD,
ARTHUR J. KELLEY,
JAMES O. STRAW,
Selectmen of Hopkinton.

By request of the State Tax Commission, we print the following:

REPORT STATE TAX COMMISSION, 1914.

INCREASE IN PUBLIC EXPENDITURES.

No power has constituted the members of the tax commission guardians of the public in respect to expenditures for the support of government, and they have no disposition to assume that role. Nevertheless, "economy being a most essential virtue in all states," and it being "the duty of legislators and magistrates * * * to countenance and inculcate the principles of * * * economy," all as set forth in the constitution of this state, the commissioners believe themselves to be amply justified in urging, as they have so often urged before, the importance of this subject upon the voters of the state. The public revenue, state and municipal, is the voters' business and they are responsible, directly or indirectly, for every extravagance affecting it from the inception to the termination of the fund.

Every compulsory contribution levied by public authority upon people or property is in the broad sense of the term a tax, nor is it made less obnoxious or burdensome if called a fee or a fine. In the figures that follow, therefore, all fees, fines, and other exactions, if any, are included with the taxes upon polls and estates. To illustrate the comparative importance of the two classes, it may be said that the taxes upon polls and estates represent about 95 per cent. and all other income about 5 per cent. of the total revenue of the state, and of the counties, cities, towns, districts and precincts therein.

Taxes as defined above have increased by leaps and

bounds in recent years. In 1903 the sum of all the taxes assessed by and within the state of New Hampshire was $5,373,420.22; in 1913 it was $8,765,039.07, an increase of $3,391,618.85, or 63 per cent., in ten years. But these figures do not adequately represent the velocity the upward movement has now attained. To show that it is necessary to divide the ten-year period: The levy in 1908 was $924,-388.79, or 17 per cent. greater than in 1903, while that in 1913 was $2,467,230.06, or 39 per cent. greater than in 1908. By so much did the advance in the last half of said period exceed that in the first half. These figures will be the more alarming if it is remembered that while taxes already sufficiently heavy were advancing 63 per cent., the population of the state increased only about 4½ per cent., and while the one was advancing 39 per cent., the other increased only about 2¼ per cent.

It is instructive to study the subject from another angle. In the ten years from 1904 to 1914, both inclusive, the annual increase in all taxes defined and limited as above was as follows:

1904	$34,459.91
1905	286,590.14
1906	115,468.39
1907	411,257.46
1908	76,612.89
1909	539,995.97
1910	787,565.31
1911	215,848.50
1912	296,216.85
1913	627,603.43

The average yearly increase for the whole period was $336,561.85. The upward trend is more plainly shown, however, by dividing, as before, the ten-year period in the

middle and considering the halves separately. For the first five years the average annual increase was $184,877.76; for the last five years it was $493,446.01. It is surely pertinent to consider how long the little state of New Hampshire, almost stationary in wealth, can sustain a tax already burdensome and increasing at the rate of practically half a million dollars a year without crippling her industries and impoverishing her people. Plainly it is a condition not calculated to attract capital from without the state or to encourage business within the same.

From the *per capita* standpoint the situation is not less disturbing. In 1903 there were assessed $12.88 in taxes for each man, woman and child in the state. Five years later there were assessed $14.75 for each individual, and in five years more $20.09. If in 1913 taxes had been equally distributed among all the people it would have meant a burden of $100 for each family of five members. Though in reality there was little such equality in the assessment there was much in the payment. The fact is that those who occupy, use or consume property, no matter who owns it, are those who in the last analysis pay most, if not all, of the taxes thereon. If the wage earner or the man of limited means understood he was in reality paying something like $100 a year in state and municipal and half as much more in federal taxes for the government of himself, his wife and three children his influence and his vote would more frequently make for economy in appropriations and expenditures than heretofore.

No statistics for the year 1914 appear in the above paragraphs for the reason that they are not yet at hand except in part.

STATE TAX COMMISSION,
By W. B. Fellows, *Secretary.*

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

Taxes assessed and committed to me for collection,		$25,428.51
Amount collected,	$25,231.35	
Two per cent. discount,	167.16	
Fifteen poll taxes abated,	30.00	
		$25,428.51

Interest on taxes,	$17.98
Five polls not in list,	10.00

ARTHUR G. SYMONDS,

Tax Collector.

This is to certify that we have examined the above account of the tax collector of the town of Hopkinton, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

HARRY W. MARSHALL,
FRANK I. MORRILL,
GEORGE M. PUTNAM,

Auditors of Hopkinton.

Hopkinton, February 20, 1915.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JAMES G. RICE, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Hopkinton.

RECEIPTS.

Amount at time of settlement, 1914,	$6,154.43
R. T. Gould, from Fred J. Chase for support of Emily J. Chase,	70.00
W. A. Baker, from J. A. Cooper, tax error refunded,	.33
J. A. Fuller, pool table license,	10.00
George E. Patch, collector, tax list, 1913,	47.39
George E. Patch, collector, interest on taxes, 1913,	1.67
Selectmen, cemetery lots sold,	13.00
J. A. Fuller, cemetery lots sold,	17.00
J. A. Fuller, dog license,	205.10
George E. Farrand, state treasurer, state aid, highway maintenance,	235.79
W. A. Baker, interest on note,	2.40
Merrimack County, paupers off farm,	128.07
Merrimack County, aid to soldiers,	335.06
National State Capital Bank, loan,	2,000.00
George E. Farrand, state aid, highway joint fund,	462.25
J. A. Fuller, declaration for town office,	12.00
D. F. Fisk, replacing railing at new bridge,	6.89
Selectmen, sale of histories,	7.50
R. T. Gould, rent of roller,	371.00
George E. Farrand, state treasurer, insurance tax,	32.44

George E. Farrand, state treasurer, railroad tax,	$520.30
George E. Farrand, state treasurer, savings bank tax,	4,434.14
George E. Farrand, state treasurer, literary fund,	157.08
George E. Farrand, state treasurer, proportion school fund,	534.53
R. T. Gould, show license,	11.00
R. T. Gould, for rent of pasture,	5.00
Winnipocket Farm, drain pipe,	29.40
A. G. Symonds, collector, tax list, 1914,	25,428.51
A. G. Symonds, collector, interest on taxes,	17.98
A. G. Symonds, collector, taxes not listed,	10.00
R. T. Gould, rent of town hall,	20.75
R. T. Gould, rent of hearse,	2.00
J. O. Straw, sale of old plank,	2.00
J. O. Straw, stationery,	.20
	$41,285.21
Paid orders of selectmen,	36,636.71
Balance in treasury February 15, 1915,	$4,648.50

This to certify that we have examined the accounts of James G. Rice, town treasurer of the town of Hopkinton, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

HARRY W. MARSHALL,
FRANK I. MORRILL,
GEORGE M. PUTNAM,
Auditors of Hopkinton.

TRUST FUNDS.

Accounting to February 15, 1915, for the past fiscal year.

JAMES G. RICE, *Treasurer.*

Name of Fund.	Original amount.	Amount at last settlement.	Income received past year.	Paid out on orders.	Amount of fund at date.	Purpose of fund.	How invested.
Dr. E. Lerned	$500.00	$487.82	$19.48	$3.00	$504.30	Female Charity	Loan and Trust Savings Bank.
Hannah B. Lerned	500.00	501.87	20.00	21.00	500.87	" "	New Hampshire Savings Bank.
Maria W. Robertson	100.00	117.36	4.00	1.84	119.52	Burial Lot Care	" " "
Charles G. Greene	200.00	248.78	8.16	2.45	254.49	" "	Loan and Trust Savings Bank.
Nathaniel Abbott	200.00	232.63	8.16	2.45	238.34	" "	" " "
Miranda G. Culver	200.00	240.35	8.16	2.45	246.06	" "	" " "
Tyler B. Hardy	100.00	111.56	4.08	3.09	112.55	" "	" " "
Mary J. Raymond	200.00	243.65	8.16	1.20	250.61	" "	" " "
Malvina Brown	200.00	232.21	8.16	2.45	237.92	" "	" " "
John W. E. Tuttle	100.00	110.70	4.08	3.59	111.19	" "	" " "
Emeline A. H. Sage	200 00	243.32	8.16	2 45	249.03	" "	" " "
Aaron Smith	100.00	113.16	4.08	1.84	115.40	" "	" " "
Catherine C. P. Lerned	100 00	111.15	4.08	1.84	113.39	" "	" " "
Lucy A. Lerned	100.00	110.30	4.00	3.09	111.21	" "	New Hampshire Savings Bank.
N. D. Piper	200.00	268.30	8.00	1.20	275.10	" "	" " "
Harriett M. Chase	100.00	111.32	4.00	3.09	112.23	" "	" " "
Lucia A. D. Long	100.00	121.97	4.00	1.84	124.13	" "	" " "
Harriet N. Hook	100.00	109.60	4.00	3.09	110.51	" "	" " "
Lovisa M. Cook	100.00	116.90	4.00	3.09	117.81	" "	" " "
Dudley C. Hubbard	100.00	115.95	4.00	1.84	118.11	" "	" " "
William H. Hale	100.00	105.92	4.00	3.09	106.83	" "	" " "
Vianna Connor	100.00	117 57	4.00	1.84	119.73	" "	" " "
Eli A. Boutwell	100.00	116.09	4.00	1.84	118.25	" "	" " "
E. Maria Page	100.00	116.05	4.00	1.84	118.21	" "	Merrimack County Savings Bank.
Hiram Farrington	100.00	115.63	4.00	1.84	117.79	" "	" " "
Laura B. Hardy	100.00	102.75	4.00	4.59	102.16	" "	" " "
Daniel Chase	150.00	156.43	6.00	3.40	159.03	" "	" " "

Mary E. Elliott	200.00	211.20	8.00	1.20	218.00	Burial Lot Care	Union Trust Co.
Mary Edith Straw	200.00	208 45	8.00	2.45	214.00	" "	" "
Henry B. A. Boutwell	100.00	101.32	4.00	1.84	103.48	" "	" "
Mary J. Mudgett	100.00	101.32	4.00	.60	104.72	" "	" "
Charles N. Tuttle	150.00	.....	3.00	.90	152.10	" "	United States Government Bond.
Estella G. Dow	100.00	106.32	4.00	.59	109.73	" "	Loan and Trust Savings Bank.
George G. Phelps	100 00	113.51	4.08	1.84	115.75	" "	" " "
Maria G. Barnard	100.00	.....	.....	.....	100.00	.....	" " "
Helen Young Bailey	100.00	110.95	4.16	.....	115.11	Jewett Road Schoolhouse	
					$6,097.66		

Amount of bond and bank books	$5,408.24
Amount on deposit	689.42
	$6,097.66

HOPKINTON, February 20, 1915,

We, the undersigned, Auditors of Hopkinton, hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

HARRY W. MARSHALL,
GRANT I. MORRILL,
GEORGE I. PUTNAM,
Auditors of Town of Hopkinton.

HIGHWAY AGENTS' ACCOUNTS.

T. W. Paige, highway agent, in account with the Town of Hopkinton.

Received for labor from February 1, 1914, to February 1, 1915, $2,019.54, accounted for as follows:

February, 1914.

Paid	T. W. Paige,	$13.50
	G. E. Barnard, men and team,	19.52
	L. B. Hardy, and team,	21.85
	W. J. Severance, and team,	7.20
	J. O. Straw, and team,	16.40
	J. C. Howe, and team,	2.37
	R. T. Gould, men and team,	26.49
	John Pitts,	4.00
	Earl French,	4.38
	G. P. Ames,	1.05
	Herman Barton,	1.05
	Arthur Barton,	1.00
	Arthur Bunton,	.78
	C. L. Jones, plowing and sanding sidewalks,	22.00
	J. F. Hoyt, and team,	7.66
	W. A. Baker,	1.25
	T. J. Straw,	2.00
	W. A. Milton, man and team,	11.50
	F. H. Emerson, men and team,	20.00
	A. F. Frye, and team,	19.60
	E. W. Stanley,	11.12
	W. C. Emerson,	.75
	S. E. Morrill, man and team,	10.80

Paid	E. L. Nelson, and team,	$17.14
	D. H. Dustin, and team,	9.75
	James Hardy, and team,	7.50
	B. G. Blanchard,	4.00
	Henry Bartlett, and team,	14.80
	Irl V. Young, and team,	9.80
	J. S. Carter,	3.10
		$282.36

March, 1914.

Paid	T. W. Paige,	$21.00
	T. J. Straw,	2.00
	Orrin Chase,	1.00
	C. L. Jones,	2.00
	G. W. Sweatt,	2.00
	W. A. Currier,	2.50
	F. E. White, snowing new bridge,	6.50
	J. A. Jones, snowing Rowell's bridge,	10.40
	Robert Smith, snowing Contoocook bridge,	14.00
	L. B. Hardy, and team,	4.75
	A. F. Frye, and team,	9.25
	C. E. Elliott,	1.40
	A. S. Eaton,	1.25
	G. E. Barnard,	6.69
	F. E. White,	4.50
	Herman Barton,	.90
		$90.14

April, 1914.

Paid	T. W. Paige,	$48.00
	R. D. Emerson, and team,	28.50
	T. J. Straw,	28.50

Paid G. W. Sweatt,	$28.00
Orrin Chase,	2.00
C. H. Peaslee,	1.00
E. S. Richardson,	3.50
R. T. Gould,	2.12
	$141.62

May, 1914.

Paid T. W. Paige,	$61.50
T. J. Straw,	44.00
G. W. Sweatt,	46.00
Orrin Chase,	25.00
R. D. Emerson, and team,	88.17
J. N. Bacon,	30.00
L. B. Hardy, and team,	42.75
R. Moran,	5.00
G. F. Campbell,	7.55
E. L. Nelson,	5.75
Mrs. A. E. Pierce, grade,	2.90
Mrs. Annie Chase, grade,	.60
J. F. Hook,	3.00
	$362.22

June, 1914.

Paid T. W. Paige,	$69.75
T. J. Straw,	46.00
G. W. Sweatt,	48.00
J. N. Bacon,	44.00
Orrin Chase,	18.00
R. D. Emerson, and team,	106.87
J. O. Straw, and team,	6.87
H. Haselton,	10.00

Paid L. B. Hardy, and team,	$33.25
A. F. Frye, and team,	9.50
Howard Taylor, and team,	9.50
T. P. Currier, and team,	4.75
J. O. Straw, grade,	3.40
Mrs. Annie Chase, grade,	4.10
J. F. Hook,	4.00
F. E. White,	5.50
	$423.49

July, 1914.

Paid T. W. Paige,	$20.25
G. W. Sweatt,	10.00
J. N. Bacon,	9.00
T. J. Straw,	2.00
J. F. Hook,	2.40
	$43.65

August, 1914.

Paid T. W. Paige,	$63.00
G. W. Sweatt,	41.00
J. N. Bacon,	32.00
T. J. Straw,	22.00
L. A. Newell, and team,	19.00
R. D. Emerson, and team,	26.12
L. J. Bohonan, and team,	15.83
L. B. Hardy, and team,	9.50
C. Clark, and team,	4.75
C. Cooper,	9.00
G. Blood,	5.00
J. F. Hook,	3.00
J. A. Jones, and team,	3.88

Paid C. L. Jones,	$1.00
Mrs. A. E. Pierce, grade,	4.40
	$257.48

September, 1914.

Paid T. W. Paige,	$43.50
G. W. Sweatt,	23.00
T. J. Straw,	22.00
J. N. Bacon,	22.00
R. D. Emerson, and team,	23.75
A. F. Frye, and team,	2.38
L. A. Newell, and team,	4.75
L. B. Hardy, and team,	14.25
	$155.63

October, 1914.

Paid T. W. Paige,	$21.00
G. W. Sweatt,	10.00
R. D. Emerson, and team,	23.75
	$54.75

November, 1914.

Paid T. W. Paige,	$15.00
G. W. Sweatt,	6.00
J. N. Bacon,	6.00
R. D. Emerson, and team,	4.75
Mrs. A. E. Pierce,	.30
C. L. Jones,	3.20
	$35.25

December, 1914.

Paid T. W. Paige,	$7.50
L. B. Hardy, and team,	6.25
R. D. Emerson, and team,	13.25
E. J. Tallant, and team,	4.75
C. A. Preston, man and team,	9.50
Herman Barton, and team,	4.75
Loren Rouse, and team,	4.75
Howard Taylor, and team,	4.75
C. L. Jones, plowing and sanding sidewalks,	16.20
	$71.70

January, 1915.

Paid T. W. Paige,	$5.25
A. L. Straw, and team,	4.75
Loren Rouse, and team,	4.75
Herman Barton, and team,	4.75
L. B. Hardy, and team,	7.00
H. R. Gomes, and team,	2.10
E. J. Tallant, and team,	9.50
R. D. Emerson, and team,	29.70
D. H. Dustin, and team,	3.75
G. E. Barnard, and team,	5.85
R. T. Gould,	2.00
Joseph Clough,	1.00
C. L. Jones, plowing and sanding sidewalks,	20.85
	$101.25

Amount expended for winter work,	$548.65
Amount expended for summer work,	1,470.89

A. O. Chandler, Highway Agent, in account with the Town of Hopkinton.

Received for labor from February, 1914, to February, 1915, $2,031.51, accounted for as follows:

Summer work,	$1,024.15
Winter work,	648.15
Building cemetery road and sidewalks,	198.30
Cutting bushes,	160.91

February, 1914.

Paid A. O. Chandler, men and teams,	$53.79
Bert Stevens,	2.00
Walter Burbank,	2.00
R. P. Prince,	7.00
Ira A. Putney,	8.75
R. R. Morrison,	8.56
George Guerin,	4.07
Charles Favor,	3.50
B. F. Clark,	5.78
Irving Burbank,	11.95
Hinton Bros.,	1.00
Chris. Moran,	2.00
Francis Campbell,	15.72
George Campbell,	7.78
F. A. Witham,	2.44
Loren Rouse,	3.11
O. F. Fuller,	5.11
Herman Barton, men and teams,	20.17
A. L. Straw, men and teams,	21.64
E. E. Chase,	10.40
Joseph Young,	1.78
Roland Moran,	2.44

Paid Angus Derry,	$3.56
Clarence Russ,	1.56
Mr. Mayo,	1.11
E. Dunbar,	1.33
E. Page,	1.11
George Hood,	9.50
A. F. Runnells,	2.25
W. L. Moulton,	14.41
Jim Foley,	3.00
B. P. Symonds,	12.15
Ralph Boutwell,	6.00
Parker Flanders,	31.76
George E. Patch,	25.80
M. D. Chase,	14.92
C. A. Holmes,	7.00
	$336.45

March, 1914.

Paid A. O. Chandler, men and teams,	$29.64
Fred Guimond,	2.00
E. Robinson,	2.00
Bert Stevens,	1.00
Angus Derry,	1.00
E. E. Chase,	7.03
P. C. Whittier,	16.25
Forrest Colby,	18.33
Charles J. Dow,	12.03
Nelson Kimball,	1.78
George M. Putnam, men and teams,	19.90
Roger Ward,	2.00
A. J. Kelley,	1.00
J. E. Fellows,	2.00
	$115.96

April, 1914.

Paid A. O. Chandler, men and teams,	$128.37
Fred Guimond,	15.00
E. Robinson,	19.00
George Quimby,	24.00
Zoel Guimond,	20.00
A. L. Straw, men and teams,	3.38
Alfred Chandler, grade,	13.10
E. E. Chase, grade,	4.00
	$226.85

May, 1914.

Paid A. O. Chandler, men and teams,	$229.05
Fred Guimond,	38.00
Zoel Guimond,	37.00
Ed. Robinson,	29.00
George Quimby,	38.44
Moses Burbank, raking rocks,	13.67
George Patch,	.25
Alfred Chandler, grade,	1.70
George Guerin, grade,	1.00
	$388.11

June, 1914.

Paid A. O. Chandler, men and teams,	$164.25
evener for road machine,	1.00
Fred Guimond,	28.00
Zoel Guimond,	34.00
Ed. Robinson,	26.00
George Quimby,	28.00
Herman Barton,	3.37

Paid Bert Stevens,	$4.00
Moses Burbank, raking rocks,	9.00
	$297.62

July, 1914.

Paid A. O. Chandler, men and teams,	$32.45
George Quimby,	11.00
Fred Guimond,	10.00
Bert Stevens,	5.00
Clarence Russ,	1.00
	$59.45

August, 1914.

Paid A. O. Chandler, men and teams,	$70.62
Fred Guimond,	26.00
George Quimby,	40.00
Bert Stevens,	46.00
A. J. Kelley,	40.37
Frank Kickery,	26.50
Irving Burbank,	6.00
Alfred Chandler, grade,	2.60
Charles Kimball, bush snath and scythe,	1.60
	$259.69

September, 1914.

Paid A. O. Chandler, men and teams,	$31.62
Fred Guimond,	21.00
Frank Kickery,	22.00
George Quimby,	22.00
Bert Stevens,	22.00

Paid A. Burnham,	$8.00
A. L. Straw,	13.50
Ernest Straw,	12.50
R. Moran,	12.50
John Moran,	8.00
Alfred Chandler, grade,	.80
	$173.92

November, 1914.

Paid A. O. Chandler, men and teams,	$5.01
E. Fellows,	1.00
Clarence Russ,	3.00
R. Moran,	1.00
A. L. Straw,	3.69
George Patch,	.40
Myron Holmes,	2.50
	$16.60

December, 1914.

Paid A. O. Chandler, men and teams,	$21.16
A. J. Kelley,	13.19
Chris. Moran,	14.25
Henry Holmes,	4.67
George Patch,	4.15
	$57.42

January, 1915.

Paid A. O. Chandler, men and teams,	$25.01
George Quimby,	2.00
Chris. Moran,	12.12

Paid	A. J. Kelley,	$12.12
	Myron Holmes,	2.50
	George Hood,	6.33
	Irving Burbank,	2.11
	E. E. Chase,	3.00
	A. L. Straw, men and teams,	28.50
	George E. Patch,	3.75
	Parker Flanders,	2.00
		$99.44

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the School Board of the Town of Hopkinton:

GENTLEMEN,—Upon assuming the duties of superintendent, I found the elementary schools well organized, doing good average work, and with a corps of teachers of good average ability; some indeed exceptionally good.

The high school had already established its good reputation, and I think justly so.

It was about to introduce a domestic arts course, in preparation for which two rooms had been equipped and prepared by utilizing one existing room and a part of the hall on the second floor. This arrangement has served the purpose very nicely this year. A problem, however, that will present itself another year certainly, possibly before next September, will be that of providing more room to accommodate the growing demands of domestic arts work. The rooms now, while answering the purpose, do not afford sufficient accommodations for best work. With the incoming of another class in September the work must be done under much crowded conditions not conducive to efficiency.

The work done in this department thus far has justified its adoption as one of the practical courses of the school. I am sure that citizens could not visit that department without a feeling of pride that it was a part of *their school.*

The good things that can be said about the schools of Hopkinton far exceed the things that call for criticism. I am sure that you and the citizens of Hopkinton agree with me in this statement, therefore I shall venture a few criticisms and make a few suggestions.

One general weakness that has been very apparent, as I visited the schools from week to week, is the inability of the pupils from the third grade up through the high school

to tell, as a connected whole, what they know of any subject or topic studied or taught them. There is but one school in town where this is being done or can be done, at the present time, in a satisfactory manner.

The high school pupils cannot be expected to do this satisfactorily unless trained to it all through the grades.

All the teachers are now directing their efforts to develop this power in their pupils. Already, I notice improvement in this respect. To further help the teachers in this work, I ask for the purchase of more supplementary reading matter.

I speak of this weakness in particular, because I have directed my principal efforts, since becoming your superintendent, to the strengthening of it. The results of these efforts will not be seen to best advantage until after a series of years as the pupils pass from grade to grade.

Another weakness or fault of our school system is the lack of systematic musical instruction.

The Contoocook Woman's Club, after consultation with your superintendent, has very kindly and generously secured and is paying a trained teacher to come to the high school building each week to give instruction in music to the pupils therein. This arrangement is for a limited time only.

We cannot expect them to continue this generosity. They should not feel obliged to do so in order for the children to have music taught them. The town should provide for music teaching in the schools, and then the children of the whole town can have the advantages of it and not merely the children of one section.

I earnestly ask that provision be made for teaching music in the schools this next year.

I would suggest, that because of the expense attendant on a teacher getting to the remote schools, it might be a wise policy to try music teaching this year in the Contoo-

cook, Hopkinton Village and West Hopkinton schools. This arrangement would include all the pupils of the town but 31.

The school buildings in the villages are in good condition, but much should be done to make the outlying schoolhouses more attractive and suitable for the children.

If the schoolhouse at Farrington's Corner is to be used by the town of Hopkinton, it should be thoroughly repaired and renovated. I do not consider it, in its present condition, a suitable place to educate children in accordance with modern ideas.

The Main Road and Hatfield buildings also need considerable brightening if they are to meet modern requirements for neatness and sanitation.

To the Hopkinton Village school, about which certain complaints were made, I have given prompt attention. Conditions there already are much improved.

In dealing with this matter, I found an excellent spirit among the parents and citizens, and was promised hearty co-operation from them in every effort to make this school what it should be.

I desire to express my regret for the loss of two of our teachers who have given long, faithful and valuable service to the schools of Hopkinton, and to state my faith in the present corps of teachers as being competent to do the work required in a satisfactory manner.

I also wish to express my appreciation of the very friendly and harmonious workings of the School Board and teachers in their relations with me, and to testify of the earnest desire of all concerned to do all possible for the best good of Hopkinton schools.

Very respectfully,

F. S. LIBBEY,

Superintendent of Schools.

Perfect Attendance for the Year.

High School—Gladys M. Clough.

Contoocook Intermediate—Dorothy Bullock, Audrey Davis.

Hopkinton Grammar—Marion B. Burnham.

West Hopkinton—Isabel Severance, Alfred Severance, Archie Severance, Dorothy Severance, Alfred French, John Hathaway, George Hathaway.

Farrington Corner—George Fitts, Russell Fitts.

Perfect Attendance for Two Terms.

High School—Alice E. Russ, V. Marguerite Russ.

Contoocook Grammar—Jessie Gould, Elwin Hardy.

Contoocook Intermediate—Willard Montgomery, Evelyn Thompson, Mildred Nelson, Marjorie Marshall.

Hopkinton Primary—Ellen Flanders, Barbara Burnham.

Main Road—Ethelyn Kelley.

Farrington Corner—Edward French, Stanley French, Dorothy Story, Clyde Fitts.

Hatfield—Elsie E. Rouse.

Perfect Attendance for One Term.

High School—Miriam Chase, Gladys B. Lufkin, Edna V. Mignault, Robert B. Dow, Ora M. Huntoon, Harley Boutwell, Winfield H. Gove, Clarence R. Russ.

Contoocook Grammar—George Conant, Earl French, Roy Smith, Charles Hathaway, Elizabeth Baker, Marion Hardy, Mildred Hardy, Althea Ladd, John A. Montgomery, Ernest Mignault, Bertha Morrill, Effie Severance, H. Emmet Beane, Llewellyn Boutwell.

Contoocook Intermediate—Harold Smart, Ralph Cooper, Harvey Ward, Bertha Chase.

Contoocook Primary—Kenneth Hook, Maude Cooper, Ruth Nelson, Raymond Cilley, Cyrus Thompson, Perry Best, Raymond Straw, Doris Ladd, Grace Montgomery.

Hopkinton Grammar—Willie N. Foote, C. Ralph Foote.

Hopkinton Primary—Irene Chandler, Ruth Prentice, Elizabeth Reddy.

West Hopkinton—Mildred French, Harold Matthews, Maurice Nichols.

Main Road—Mabel Davidson.

Farrington Corner—Rapha Story, Max Story, Maxime Malonson.

Hatfield—Beatrice A. Rouse, Genevieve E. Rouse.

Teachers Employed Since July 15, 1914.

High School—Joseph A. Wiggin, principal; A. Leigh Tower, sub-master; Margaret Howard, Florence Cross, assistants.

Contoocook Grammar—Florence M. Emerson, Helen Battles.

Contoocook Intermediate—Ruby S. Bailey.

Contoocook Primary—Ethel G. Taylor.

Hopkinton Grammar—Edna H. Marshall.

Hopkinton Primary—Bessie E. Stafford.

West Hopkinton—Susie I. Perkins, Blanche Rowe.

Hatfield—Gladys Butterick.

Main Road—Mattie J. LaBonte, Maude Hinton.

Farrington Corner—Florence Barnard.

Enumeration of Children in Hopkinton, September, 1914.

Between ages of five and sixteen:		
Boys,	111	
Girls,	111	
		222
Number between 5 and 8 not regularly attending school,		6
Number between 14 and 16 not regularly attending school,		1
Whole number registered September 30, 1914,		230

SCHOOL STATISTICAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 15, 1914.

SCHOOLS.	Teachers.	Number of pupils.			Length of term.			Salaries per month.
		Fall.	Winter.	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.	Spring.	
High	Joseph A. Wiggin	52	51	44	12	12	12	$155.55
	Arthur G. Davis							122.22
	Mary D. Barlow							61.11
Contoocook Grammar	Florence M. Emerson	39	39	27	11	9	12	44 00
Contoocook Intermediate	Ruby S. Bailey	31	30	20	11	9	11	44.00
Contoocook Primary	Ethel G. Taylor	24	24	35	11	9	12	42 66
Hopkinton Grammar	Margaret M. Ingalls	11	10	10	11	9	12	44.00
Hopkinton Primary	Bessie E. Stafford	20	16	25	11	9	12	36.00
	Ada L. Huntley							
West Hopkinton	Susie S. Perkins	16	17	18	11	9	11	44.00
Main Road	Una Rice	12	12	12	11	9	11	32 00
Farrington Corner	Helen A. Lamprey	16	14	13	11	9	11	32.67
	Florence M. Barnard							
Hatfield	Gladys L. Butterick	6	6	7	11	9	8	32.00

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HOPKINTON.

FEBRUARY 15, 1914, TO FEBRUARY 15, 1915.

INCOME.

Amount required by law,	$2,880.00
Additional amount, general fund,	5,315.00
Books and supplies,	600.00
Repairs,	300.00
Officers' salaries,	250.00
Flags and appurtenances,	50.00
Receipts from tuitions and sales,	297.60
Literary fund,	157.08
State aid for average attendance,	187.20
State aid for qualified teachers,	64.00
State aid for superintendent's salary,	283.33
Dog licenses,	211.64
	$10,595.85

DISBURSEMENTS.

Superintendent's salary:	
E. J. Best,	$146.67
F. S. Libbey,	420.00
Amount paid out,	$566.67
Received from state,	$283.33
Amount paid by district,	$283.34

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

J. A. Wiggin, 36 weeks, Hopkinton High,	$1,490.00
A. G. Davis, 36 weeks, Hopkinton High,	570.00
A. L. Tower, 36 weeks, Hopkinton High,	600.00
Mary L. Barlow, 36 weeks, Hopkinton High,	259.72
Margaret Howard, 36 weeks, Hopkinton High,	218.90
Florence Cross,	66.64
Florence Emerson, 25 weeks, Contoocook grammar,	275.00
Helen Battles, 4 weeks, Contoocook grammar,	44.00
Ruby Bailey, 29 weeks, Contoocook intermediate,	319.00
Ethel G. Taylor, 29 weeks, Contoocook primary,	319.00
Margaret A. Ingalls, 12 weeks, Hopkinton grammar,	132.00
Edna H. Marshall, 17 weeks, Hopkinton grammar,	187.00
Bessie E. Stafford, 29 weeks, Hopkinton primary,	278.00
Susie I. Perkins, 19 weeks, West Hopkinton,	209.00
Blanche Rowe, 8 weeks,	96.00
Gladys Buttrick, 28 weeks, Hatfield,	285.00
Una Rice, 11 weeks, Main Road,	88.00
Mattie LaBonta, 10 weeks, Main Road,	100.00
Maud Hinton, 7 weeks, Main Road,	63.00
Florence Barnard, 30 weeks, Farrington Corner,	241.00
	$5,841.26

CONVEYING PUPILS.

Ruth Geer, to Contoocook,	$64.20
Albert S. Eaton, to Contoocook,	110.00
Gertrude Clough, to Contoocook,	22.40
Lewis Kimball, to Hopkinton,	106.00
Arthur Colby, to Hopkinton,	72.00
Stillman Hardy, to Hopkinton,	48.00
A. J. Boutwell, to Hopkinton,	27.00
Harriet Betcher, to Hopkinton,	116.00
George Patch, to Main Road,	70.00
	$635.60

JANITORS' SERVICES.

W. E. Blake, Hopkinton High,	$180.00
Edmund Chandler, Hopkinton,	46.50
Isabel Severance, West Hopkinton,	5.00
Archie Severance, West Hopkinton,	5.00
Archie Severance, West Hopkinton,	5.00
Gladys Buttrick, Hatfield,	9.00
Una Rice, Main Road,	5.50
Maud Hinton, Main Road,	3.50
Florence Barnard, Farrington Corner,	5.50
	$265.00

FUEL.

E. E. Sawyer, coal, Hopkinton High,	$158.29
Daniel Dustin, wood, Hopkinton High,	22.00
W. E. Blake, wood, Hopkinton High,	2.50
J. A. Jones, wood, West Hopkinton,	21.00
J. A. Jones, wood, Hatfield,	12.00
J. A. Jones, wood, Stumpfield,	15.00
George E. Lord, wood, Hopkinton,	32.00
George E. Lord, wood, Main Road,	13.00
George E. Lord, wood, Farrington Corner,	16.50
	$292.29

WATER AND ELECTRICITY.

Contoocook Water Works,	$17.00
Contoocook Electric Light Co.,	28.28
Hopkinton Water Co.,	10.00
	$55.28

REPAIRS.

Burbank Lumber Co.,	$0.70
C. G. Dorman estate,	25.85
Burlington Venetian Blind Co.,	12.00
W. W. Farwell,	1.00
H. S. Diman,	17.00
W. N. Davis,	9.40
G. E. Lord,	55.50
Ernest Hardy,	28.00
——— Ford,	12.50
J. Hodge,	30.07
N. C. Weeks,	1.20
C. H. Peaslee,	.90
H. S. Diman,	17.50
L. O. Brown,	2.75
C. H. Peaslee,	5.50
Hollis Chase,	44.00
George M. Putnam,	2.50
H. S. Diman,	8.40
Curtice & Co.,	74.00
George E. Lord,	11.25
E. H. Lord,	1.00
	$361.02

DOMESTIC EQUIPMENT.

Singer Sewing Machine Co.,	$45.44
B. F. Macy, utensils,	8.75
Standard Oil Co., stoves,	25.45
Horne & Hall, tables,	69.94
George Woods,	10.80
B. F. Macy,	41.34
C. W. Coolidge,	1.74
J. A. Wiggin,	17.36
G. M. Putnam,	2.50

J. M. Stewart & Sons Co.,	$15.20
Curtice & Co.,	9.44
	$247.96

BOOKS.

MacMillan Co.,	$3.76
C. H. Birchard & Co.,	2.74
American Book Co.,	3.20
E. E. Babb & Co.,	15.12
Benjamin H. Sanborn & Co.,	6.50
Sibley & Co.,	15.39
Ginn & Co.,	1.51
Allyn & Bacon,	1.68
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	3.70
White, Smith Publishing Co.,	1.30
Ginn & Co.,	.72
Ginn & Co.,	2.47
D. C. Heath,	1.82
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	15.95
E. E. Babb & Co.,	40.86
E. E. Babb & Co.,	14.76
American Book Co.,	4.59
Allyn & Bacon,	2.28
Orange, Judd & Co.,	10.03
Charles Scribner's Sons,	11.45
Ginn & Co.,	16.64
E. E. Babb & Co.,	38.60
The Plamer Co.,	4.26
E. E. Babb & Co.,	37.35
American Book Co.,	7.04
E. E. Babb & Co.,	4.49
Ginn & Co.,	5.17
	$273.38

SUPPLIES.

Joseph Breck & Sons,	$2.53
L. E. Knott & Co.,	.42
E. E. Babb & Co.,	63.56
E. J. Best,	25.00
F. H. Reed,	17.30
L. E. Knott & Co.,	13.68
E. J. Best,	3.00
C. E. Elliott,	6.00
Richard Clough,	5.00
C. G. Dorman estate,	3.25
Richard Clough,	1.75
Charles H. Peaslee,	4.20
Central Scientific Co.,	67.18
Fred Oman,	1.75
Richard Clough,	3.50
E. E. Babb & Co.,	21.13
A. L. Tower,	1.95
G. H. Tower,	4.79
Helen Pierce (copying reports),	4.00
Curtice & Co.,	25.32
W. N. Davis,	17.16
F. S. Libbey,	5.17
	$297.64

INCIDENTALS.

C. H. Peaslee, cash paid out,	$13.10
W. E. Blake, labor,	4.50
J. A. Wiggin, graduation,	20.00
J. A. Fuller, insurance,	20.00
G. E. Lord, labor,	4.00
Mrs. Arthur Chandler, labor,	5.65
Mrs. Lester Brown, labor,	2.50
Mrs. J. L. Fitts, labor,	4.00

J. Bernstein, cleaning clock,	$1.00
C. H. Peaslee, cash paid out,	2.85
	$77.60

FLAGS.

E. E. Babb & Co.,	$9.63
W. A. Baker,	1.00
H. S. Diman,	2.10
	$12.73

OFFICERS' SALARIES.

R. T. Gould, auditor,	$2.00
Horace Edmunds, truant officer,	10.00
Eben Dustin, truant officer,	9.00
Sarah U. Kimball, treasurer,	40.00
C. H. Peaslee,	80.00
J. A. Jones,	55.00
George E. Lord,	54.00
	$250.00

The foregoing financial report is respectfully submitted by

C. H. PEASLEE,
J. ARTHUR JONES,
GEORGE E. LORD,
School Board.

This is to certify that I have this day examined the accounts of the school board of the school district of Hopkinton and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEORGE M. PUTMAN,
Auditor.

Hopkinton, N. H., February 12, 1915.

HOPKINTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT, 1914-1915.

Treasurer's Report for Year Ending February 12, 1915.

1914.			
Feb.	12.	To amount balance on hand at settlement,	$118.74
		To amount received from school board, tuitions,	20.00
March.		To amount received from school board, tuitions,	60.00
Apr.	3.	To amount received from town treasurer,	1.200.00
	4.	To amount received from town treasurer,	500.00
May	13.	To amount received from town treasurer,	1,000.00
June	6.	To amount received from town treasurer,	1,300.00
Sept.	9.	To amount received from town treasurer,	300.00
	16.	To amount received from school board for tuitions and sales,	217.60
Oct.	3.	To amount received from town treasurer,	800.00
Nov.	6.	To amount received from town treasurer,	800.00
	16.	To amount received from town treasurer,	1,000.00
Dec.	15.	To amount received from town treasurer,	900.00

1915.		
Jan. 29.	To amount received from town treasurer,	$1,595.00
Feb. 6.	To amount received from town treasurer,	903.25
	Total amount received for school purposes,	$10,714.59

1915.		
Feb. 12.	By cash paid on orders by school board, as per vouchers,	$9,152.94
	By balance on hand,	1,561.65
		$10,714.59

MEMORANDA.

Amount appropriated by law,	$2,880.00
by vote,	5,315.00
repairs of schoolhouses,	300.00
books and supplies,	600.00
officers' salaries,	250.00
flag and appurtenances,	50.00
of literary fund,	157.08
state aid for average attendance,	187.20
state aid for qualified teachers,	64.00
superintendent's salary,	283.33
dog licenses,	211.64
received for tuitions and sales,	297.60
balance on hand,	118.74
Total amount for school purposes,	$10,714.59

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH U. KIMBALL,

Treasurer.

This certifies that I have this day examined the accounts of the treasurer of the school district of Hopkinton and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEORGE M. PUTNAM,
Auditor.

Hopkinton, N. H., February 12, 1915.

REPORT OF HOPKINTON VILLAGE BRANCH OF THE HOPKINTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

FEBRUARY, 1915.

Amount on hand at last settlement,		$55.16
Aug., 1914.	Received from town treasurer,	75.00
Jan., 1915.	Received from town treasurer,	75.00
		$205.16

CONTRA.

1914.				
May	4.	Paid S. U. Kimball, librarian,	$25.00	
June	8.	Raymond S. Barnard, one cord of wood,	5.50	
July	2.	Arthur P. Mills,	6.00	
Sept.	1.	S. U. Kimball,	25.00	
Oct.	5.	Forrest Colby, one cord of wood,	7.00	
		Charles E. Lauriat Co., books,	63.89	
		Contoocook Electric Co., lights for nine months,	6.00	
		expressage, etc.,	.65	
				$139.04
Balance on hand,				$66.12

ANSTIS I. GREENE,
Trustee.

Librarian's Report, 1914–1915.

To amount received from fines,	$0.38
To amount received from visitors,	1.67
	$2.05

1914.			
June 24.	By amount paid for	cleaning,	$0.50
Aug. 8.		mucilage,	.05
Dec. 9.		work on storm door,	.35
1915.			
Feb. 3.		express on books,	.47
12.		to balance,	.68
			$2.05

Number of books issued during year,	2,371
Number of books bought by trustees,	68
Number of books given,	3

The following list are the books added:

Books Added During Year by Trustee.

Case K.

117	Thorley Weir,	Benson
119	T. Tembarom,	Frances Hodgdon Burnett
155	The Flying Inn,	Gilbert R. Chesterton
156	The Rocks of Valpre,	E. M. Dell
157	The Love Affairs of a Homely Woman,	Jean L. de Forest
158	The Valley of the Moon,	Jack London
159	The Best Man,	Grace L. H. Lutz
160	The Jam Girl,	Frances B. Starrett
161	Goddess of the Dawn,	Margaret D. Sullivan

162	A People's Man,	Oppenheim
163	The Alster Case,	Rufus Gilmore
164	Home,	Anonymous
165	Old Valentine,	Havens
166	The Eye of Dread,	Payne Erskine
167	Her Ladyship's Conscience,	Ellen T. Fowler
168	The Unfortunate Youth,	William J. Locke
169	Miss Billy's Decision,	Eleanor H. Porter
170	Miss Billy Married,	Eleanor H. Porter
171	Captivating Mary Carstairs,	Henry S. Harrison
172	Sunshine Jane,	Ann Warner
173	Diane of the Green Van,	Leona Dalrymple
174	One Year of Pierot,	The Mother of Pierot
175	Nancy the Joyous,	Edith Stow
176	The Lights Are Bright,	Louise K. Mabie
177	The Vanished Messenger,	Phillips Oppenheim
178	The Way of An Eagle,	E. M. Dell
179	Martha By the Day,	Julia M. Lippman
180	Making Over Martha,	Julia M. Lippman
181	The Twenty-fourth of June,	Grace S. Richmond
182	The Peacock Feather,	Leslie Moore
183	Penrod,	Booth Tarkington
184	Saturday's Child,	Katherine Norris
185	The Valiants of Virginia,	Hallie E. Rives
186	Cap'n Dan's Daughter,	Joseph C. Lincoln
187	Kent Knowles, "Quahaug,"	Joseph C. Lincoln
188	My Heart 's Right There,	Florence Barclay
189	The Walls of Partition,	Florence Barclay
190	Betty's Virginia Christmas,	Mollie Seawell
191	The Pastor's Wife.	
192	The Rise of Jennie Cushing,	Mary S. Watts
193	How It Happened,	Kate Langley Bosher
194	Looking After Sandy,	Margaret Turnbull
195	Big Tremaine,	Marie Van Horn
196	The Honorable Percival,	Alice Hegan Rice

197	The Sun Dance Trail,	Ralph Connor
198	The Wonderful Romance,	Pierre de Coulevain
199	Mr. Grex of Monte Carlo,	Phillips Oppenheim
200	The Turbulent Duchess,	Percy J. Barbuer
201	The Wife of Sir Isaac Harman.	

Case M.

6	They Who Knock At Our Gates,	Mary Autin
7	Alaska—An Empire in the Making,	John J. Underwood
8	Our Sentimental Garden,	Agnes and Egerton Castle
9	Bird Life,	Frank L. Chapman

Case J.

48	Alma at Hadley Hall,	Louise M. Briefenbach
50	Alma's Junior Year,	Louise M. Briefenbach
61	Aunt Jane's Nieces On the Ranch,	Edith Van Dyne
91	Sweet Nancy,	Marion A. Taggart
92	Nancy, the Doctor's Little Girl,	Marion A. Taggart
111	Six Girls and the Tea Room,	Marion A. Taggart
112	Six Girls Growing Older,	Marion A. Taggart
113	Six Girls and the Seventh One,	Marion A. Taggart
114	Betty Gaston, the Seventh One,	Marion A. Taggart
115	Six Girls and Betty,	Marion A. Taggart
116	Six Girls Grown Up,	Marion A. Taggart
117	Phyllis,	Marie T. Davies
118	Bird Friends of a Country Doll,	Caroline S. Alden
119	Ezekiel,	Lucy Pratt

Gifts.

The Eye of Dread, from Mrs. Ella Kimball.
A Pasteboard Crown, from Mrs. Grace Osborne.
Idols, from Mrs. Grace Osborne.
Three Copies of the Life and Times in Hopkinton, N. H., given by selectmen.

A handsome calendar for 1915, given by Mr. G. A. S. Kimball, of Concord.

N. H. Annual Reports for 1913, vols. 1–2.

N. H. State Papers, vol. 32, Probate Court Records, 1718–1740.

Pierce Statue Dedication.

Year Book of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Report of the Librarian of Congress for year ending June 30, 1914.

The Railway Library and Statistics, from editor.

Pamphlets.

Eighth Annual Report of Secretary of State for year ending August 31, 1914.

The Case of Belgium.

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH U. KIMBALL,

Librarian.

CONTOOCOOK BRANCH OF THE HOPKINTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Trustee's Report.

Frank I. Morrill, trustee of the Contoocook branch of the Hopkinton Free Public Library, respectfully submits this his annual report:

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1915.		
Jan. 26.	Cash for fines during year,	$10.15
	Cash from town treasurer,	150.00
		$160.15

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1914.		
Mar. 10.	Paid balance due trustee in last report,	$16.97
July 1.	Mrs. George, librarian,	9.15
Sept. 1.	Mrs. George, librarian,	9.10
	Mrs. Charles Hardon (*Granite Monthly*),	2.00
Dec. 31.	Mrs. George, librarian,	9.10
Aug. 18.	De Wolfe, Fiske & Co.,	25.16
	express,	.27
1915.		
Feb. 6.	Richard Clough, cards,	3.00
	A. L. Bridgman, books,	6.50
15.	A. C. Huntoon, rent,	75.00
	Mrs. George, librarian,	9.15
		$165.40
Balance due trustee,		$5.25

Books Added to Library During Year.

Ranch Girls in Europe,	Vandercook
Jane Stewart's Chum,	Grace Remic
The Lone Star Ranger,	Zane Gray
Sanctuary,	Peterson
Mrs. Billy's Decision,	Eleanor H. Porter
Mrs. Billy Married,	Eleanor H. Porter
Polly of the Hospital Staff,	Emma C. Dowd
Polly of the Lady Gay Cottage,	Emma C. Dowd
Ne'er Do Well.	
Auction Block,	Rex Beach
Hoosier Chronicle,	Nicholas
Camp-Fire Girls,	Sanderson
Rodney the Ranger,	John D. Lane
The Forester's Daughter,	Hamlin Garland
Aredine of Allen Waters,	McCall
Penrod,	Tarkington
Henry of Navarre,	Hall
Dodo's Daughter,	Benton
Patrol of the Sun Dance Trail,	Connor
New Clarion,	Harpin
My Japanese Wife,	Holland
The Road to Providence,	Davis
The Prince of Graustark,	George B. McCutcheon
The War Between,	Bane
The Fleet Goes By,	Synon
Torth of the 53,	Sinclare
Nancy the Joyous,	Stowe
Messages and Papers of the Presidents, 13 vols.	
Count of Monte Cristo,	Dumas

Statistical Gazeteer of New Hampshire.
Commission on Education, report for 1913.
Pierce Statue Dedication.

Year Book of the Department of Agriculture, 1913.
Twenty-seventh Annual Report of the Interstate Commerce Commission.
Report of the Librarian of Congress.
Six months of 1913 and five months of 1914 National Geographic Magazine, given by Mr. Horace J. Davis.
Technical World for 1913, given by Joseph Clough.
The Railway Library and Statistics, 1913.

Books given the library:

The World Set Free, given by Mr. Nat Burnham.
Ora, a Lost Wife, given by Miss Julia Johnson.
The Snow Flower, given by Miss Julia Johnson.
Davis Genealogy, given by Mrs. Henry C. Davis.
Reminiscences, Sermons and Correspondence, 1884-1913, by Augusta Stetson.
Vital Issue of Christian Science by Mary B. Eddy.
The Continental Dragon, Daniel Boone, The Deerslayer, Last Days of Pompeii, Vayenne, Scottish Chiefs, The Last Baron, Old Mam'selle's Secret, given by Mr. G. I. Ward.

Periodicals taken:

Ladies' Home Journal, Scribner's, Harper's, The World's Work, Delineator, National, The American Boy, Ladies' World, Century, Outing, The Review of Reviews, McClure's, St. Nicholas.

Number of books in the library,	1,725
Number of patrons,	425
Volumes loaned during year,	6,510

VITAL STATISTICS.

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To the Selectmen of Hopkinton: In compliance with an act of the Legislature passed June session, 1877, requiring "clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the annual reports," I submit the following:

Births Registered in the Town of Hopkinton for the Year ending December 31, 1914.

Date of birth.	Name of the child (if any).	Sex and condition.				Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.	Color of parents.	Occupation of father.	Birthplace of father.	Birthplace of mother.
		Sex.	Living or stillborn.	No. of child, 1st, 2d, etc.	Color.						
Jan. 14	Evelyn May	F.	L.	2	W.	James F. Clark	L. Mabel Drown	W.	Machine tender	Warner	Warner.
27	Earl Anderson	M.	"	2	"	Bert L. Geer	Candice A. Bryant	"	R. R. fireman	North Troy, Vt.	Moisa, N. Y.
29	Elsie Irene	F.	"	5	"	Charles H. Hathaway	Margaret Murphy	"	Supt. paper mill.	Montreal, P. Q.	New York, N. Y.
31		M.	"	6	"	George Guerin	Sarah Welcom	"	Farmer	Manchester	Canada.
April 1	Barbara May	F.	"	4	"	William Fuller	Eva B. Elkins	"	Carpenter	Hopkinton	Thornton.
Mar. 27		"	"	3	"	William Bassett	Mary A. Fannie	"	Laborer	Elgin, Mass.	Canada.
29	Martha Ellen	"	"	3	"	Arthur M. Burnham	Blanche B. Newman	"	Farmer	Hillsborough	Hillsborough.
April 6	Noise Frederick	M.	"	1	"	Hosea F. Corliss	Elizabeth D. Hayes	"	"	Hudson	Charlottsto'n, N. B.
8	John Victor	"	"	1	"	John T. Krzyzamiak	Grace I. Carter	"	Lumberman	Poland	Concord.
May 14	Edgar Elwin	"	"	3	"	Eden E. Elliott	Anna Glasier	"	Woodchopper	Brontown, Mich.	New York, N. Y.
17	Clifton Ray	"	"	4	"	Clifton J. Bartlett	Lida H. Chase	"	Plumber	Warner	Hopkinton.
19	Shilie Winnifred.	"	"	6	"	Lanson O. Brown	Melissa Fleming	"	Painter	Thornton	Canada.
June 23	Pearl Webster	"	"	2	"	Harry E. Bunnell	Sarah G. Harriman	"	Builder	Concord	Warner.
25		F.	"	3	"	John B. Nudd	Emma J. Clark	"	Paper mill	Webster	"
July 22		M.	"	4	"	Arthur Eagles	Maud Ryan	"	Carpenter	Nova Scotia	Nova Scotia.
May 22	Shirly Carl	"	"	2	"	Milo B. Roberson	Emma M. Blanchette.	"	Teamster	Henniker	Goffstown.
31	John Harry, Jr.	"	"	2	"	Harry Bohonan	Ester G. Marcy	"	Dairyman	Hopkinton	Cambridge, Mass.
June 15	Charlotte Lucile	F.	"	1	"	Charles McGinnis	Sadie M. Sanborn	"		Montana	Hopkinton.

Aug. 16	Maurice Horner.....	M.	L.	1	W	Homer R. Haselton....	Susie W. Carter.....	W.	Farmer	Hopkinton.....	Concord.
21	Robert Reade.	"	"	2	"	George L. Fuller.....	Blanche Reade.....	"	Lumberman.....	"	Weare.
28	Elizabeth Townsend.	F.	"	1	"	James D. Howlet	Mary A. Morrill.....	"	Teacher.....	Prince Edw'rd Isl	Concord.
Sept. 2	Clifton Earl	M.	"	1	"	Percy R. Bohonan	Alice M. Fowler	"	Farmer	Hopkinton-.....	Newbury.
3	Alice Isabelle..... ..	F.	"	4	"	Luther Bartlett.	Nettie R. Nudd	"	Teamster	Warner.....	Warner.
Oct. 9	Ruth Franklin..	"	"	1	"	Rupert F. Wilson.....	Louise E. Wilson.....	"	.....	.....	McIndoes Falls, Vt.
June 10	Arthur Olof	M	"	2	"	Arthur Lawson.....	Anna Olson.....	"	Carpenter.....	Sweden.....	Sweden.
Oct. 20	Howard Edger.....	"	"	2	"	Carleton Flanders.....	Mary E. Whitney.....	"	Fireman..[tender	Henniker.....	Merrimack, Fla.
Nov. 4	Jennie Minnie.....	F.	"	1	"	Henry Blanchette.....	Mabel E, O'Neal.....	"	Paper machine	New Boston.....	New Brunswick.
22	Sadia Beatrice.....	"	"	3	"	Amos Brackett.....	Lottie Wall	"	Woodchopper	Riverton, Conn..	St. Albans, Vt.
28	Olive Francis	"	"	5	"	Arthur W. Stevens....	Ida M. Watts.....	"	Laborer.....	.....	Hopkinton.
Dec. 8	William Everett.....	M.	"	1	"	Edward T. Gough.....	Edna Robbins.....	"	Clergyman	Bristow, Iowa....	Nebraska.
13	James Irving.....	"	"	4	"	James Kay.....	Lillian F. Clark.....	"	R. R. section.....	Fall River, Mass.	Warner.
19	....	"	"	2	"	Eddie M. Sounberger.	Mary J. McCowbrey...	"	Laborer.....	Canada	Canada.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOHN A. FULLER, *Town Clerk.*

Marriages Registered in the Town of Hopkinton for the Year ending December 31, 1914.

Date of marriage.	Place of marriage.	Name and surname of groom and bride.	Residence of each at time of marriage.	Age.	Color.	Occupation of groom and bride.	Place of birth of each.	Names of parents.	Birthplace of parents.	Occupation.	Marriage.	Name, residence, and official station of person by whom married.
Jan. 1	Hopkinton..	Albert S. Eaton....	Hopkinton..	73	W.	Farmer ...	Newbury ...	Eben Eaton	Newbury	Farmer	2	Fred M. Buker,
							[Me	Hannah B. Cross.....	Salem, Mass..	.....		Clergyman,
		Jennie E. Kimball.	"	44	"	Teacher ..	No. Berwick	Clarion H. Kimball..	Hopkinton ...	Clergyman..	1	Hopkinton.
								Lucy C. Challan	.....	.....		
24	"	Edward R. Guerin.	"	43	"	Farmer ...	Raymond...	Edward Guerin.....	Canada	Farmer	2	Fred M. Buker,
								Mary Champagne ...	"	.....		Clergyman,
		Susie May Chase...	"	25	"	At home..	Hopkinton..	Edward E. Chase	Hopkinton ...	Farmer	1	Hopkinton.
								Etta Moulton	" ...	.....		
Feb. 7	Lynn, Mass.	William I. Hook ...	"	30	"	Farmer ...	" ..	James M. Hook	Concord	Farmer	1	Timothy A. Curten, Catholic
								Mary A. Doying	Danville, Can.	.....		
		CatherineBurgland	Lynn, Mass.	27	"	Housew'k.	Galway, Ire.	John P. Welsh	Galway, Ire...	Farmer	2	Priest,
						[man		Delia J. Curley.....	" "	.....		Lynn, Mass.
23	Warner	Ernest A. Boutwell	Hopkinton..	22	"	R.R.brake-	Hopkinton..	Henry B. A. Boutwell	Illinois	Farmer	1	Martin F. Mevis,
						[phy		Alice Montgomery...	Hopkinton . .	.....		Clergyman,
		Bertha E. Colby....	Warner	22	"	Stenogra-	Warner	Edward K. Colby....	Warner	Farmer	1	Warner.
						[employee		Jennie L. Kimball...	New Jersey...	.....		
Mar. 17	Hopkinton..	James B. Felch	Hopkinton..	58	"	Paper-mill	Weare	Square Felch.....	Weare	Farmer	2	Fred M Buker,
								Laura Silver	Bow.....	.....		Clergyman,
		Augusta A. Wilson.	Manchester.	57	"	.....	Manchester.	S. Franklin Robinson	Epsom	Farmer	2	Hopkinton.
								Mary A. Batchelder..	Pembroke	.....		
April 8	Melrose, Ms.	Forest G. Straw....	Hopkinton.	31	"	Machinist.	Hopkinton..	Gilman J. Straw	Hopkinton ...	Engineer ...	1	Louis C. Wright,
						[phy		Wetha A. Hoyt	Henniker	.....		Clergyman,
		Marion A. Flagg ...	Melrose, Ms.	23	"	Stenogra-	Allston, Ms..	Gardener W. Flagg..	Wellesley, Ms.	Engineer ...	1	Melrose, Mass.
			[port, Ms.				[port, Ms.	May Sargent.....	Bow.....	.....		
June 21	Hopkinton..	George J. Kingston	Newbury-	30	"	Mechanic.	Newbury-	William Kingston..	St. Johns, N. B.	Engineer ...	1	George C. Junkins,
								Martha Kingston ...	Newb'ryp't Ms	.....		
		Ruth N. Kimball ..	Hopkinton..	22	"	Housew'k	Hopkinton..	Nelson D. Kimball ..	Hopkinton ...	Farmer	1	Clergyman,
								Adeadle M. Kimball.	Newfield, Me.	.....		Meriden.
21	"	J. Frank Mudgett..	"	71	"	Retired ...	Weare	Moss Mudgett	Weare	Farmer	2	Fred M. Buker,
							[Mass.	Aurinda Boynton ...	"	.....		Clergyman,
		Hattie R. Marcy....	"	48	"	At home..	Cambridge,	George W. Greenleaf	Boston, Mass.	Plumber....	2	Hopkinton.
								Sarah B. Bates.....	Wat'rto'n, Ms.	....		

Aug. 7	Hopkinton..	Arthur B. Perry....	Boston, Mass	23	W.	Salesman	Boston, Mass	Edward B. Perry.....	Rayham, Mass	Merchant...	1	Fred M. Buker,
								Ella F. Branch.....	Boston, Mass.	.....		Clergyman,
		Olive A. Allen	Hopkinton..	22	"	Teacher...	Hopkinton..	Walton P. Allen ...	Chelsea, Mass.	Mechanic...	1	Hopkinton.
								Martha Montgomery	Hopkinton....	.....		
17	"	Geo. A. Dwinnells..	"	39	"	Farmer ...	"	John G. Dwinnells ..	Dunbarton ...	Farmer	2	F. M. Buker,
						[keeper		Caroline M. Chase...	Hopkinton ...	.....		Clergyman,
		Lena May Smith...	"	27	"	House-	Canada	Allie Smith	Canada	R. R. section	1	Hopkinton.
								Nettie Smith.....	"	.....		
25	"	Albert H. French..	"	35	"	Teamster.	Hopkinton..	Charles French	Hopkinton ...	Farmer	1	Charles L. Snow,
								Sarah A. Hardy.....	" ...	.....		Clergyman,
		Helen A. Boutwell.	"	16	"	Waitress..	"	Wallace A. Boutwell	" ...	R. fireman..	1	Hopkinton.
						[graver		Lillie A. Ward	" ...	.....		
Oct. 10	"	Harold M. Render..	Manchester.	35	"	Photo en-	Manchester.	Charles F. Davinson.	.....	.....	1	Lucien C. Kimball,
								Emma F. Merrill	Manchester ..	Housekeep'r		
		Bertha E. Johnson.	Hopkinton..	41	"	At home..	"	Franklin P. Johnson.	Northfield	Retired	1	Clergyman,
								Evelyn Cheney	Manchester ..	.....		Hopkinton.
Nov. 26	Pittsfield ..	N. Cogswell Weeks	"	76	"	Carpenter.	Hopkinton..	Thomas J. Weeks....	Hopkinton ...	Farmer	2	W. I. Sweet,
								Hannah C. Smith....	Rowley, Mass.	.....		Clergyman;
		Clara A. Rollins ..	Pittsfield ...	60	"	Nurse	Strafford	William Sanders.....	Pittsfield	Farmer	2	Pittsfield.
							[ner, N. B.	Addie Reynolds.....	"	.....		
Dec. 26	Nashua	Percy O'Neal.....	Hopkinton..	21	"	Paper-mill	Dobsin's Cor	Alfred O'Neal.....	Pepperell, Ms.	Fireman	1	Edward C. Strout,
			[Mass.				[Mass.	Annie Stone.....	" "	.....		Clergyman,
		Ruth C. Behrns ...	Pepperell,	21	"	At home..	Pepperell,	Frank Behrns.....	" "	Shoemaker.	1	Nashua.
								Hattie Bass.....	Lawrence, Ms.	.....		
31	Hopkinton..	Willie Neal Davis..	Hopkinton..	53	"	Merchant. ...	Warner. ...	Paine Davis	Warner	Farmer	2	F. M. Buker,
			[son					Esther Babcock.....	Hopkinton ...	.....		Clergyman,
		Florence M. Emer-	"	32	"	Teacher ..	Webster	Fred H. Emerson....	" ...	Farmer	1	Hopkinton.
								Nellie F. Kimball....	" ...	.....		

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief,

JOHN A. FULLER, *Town Clerk.*

Deaths Registered in the Town of Hopkinton for the Year ending December 31, 1914.

Date of death.	Place of death.	Name and surname of the deceased.	Age. Years.	Months.	Days.	Place of birth.	Sex and condition. Sex.	Color.	Single, mar. or widow'd.	Place of birth. Father.	Mother.	Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.
Jan. 4	Hopkinton	Charles N. Tuttle	95	3	31	Franconia	M.	W	W.	Acworth, Mass.	Campton	—— Tuttle	Sarah Sargent.
Feb. 22	"	Edward F. Flanders	67	1	21	Wilmot	"	"	"	Bradford	Wilmot	Hiram C. Flanders.	Louisa M. Brown.
Mar. 9	"	John G. Brockway	79	9	2	"	"	"	M.	Wilmot		John Brockway	Mary Eaton.
17	"	Mary A. Walker	47	5	20	Hopkinton	F.	"	"	Webster	Danville	John E. Elliott	Angelina Sanborn.
18	"	Eddie Elma Elliott	16	11	15	"	M.	"	S.	"	Deering	Edson E. Elliott	Nettie Colby.
Apr. 9	"	Mary A. Quinby	91	11	1	"	F.	"	"	Hopkinton	Hopkinton	John Quinby	Anna Bickford.
21	"	Amanda A. Straw	81	2	15	"	"	"	W.	"	Bow	Charles Weeks	Phoebe Hemphill.
25	"	Charles H. Luther	66	9	22	Charlestown, Mass.	M.	"	"				Mary L. Blaisdell.
May 7	"	Mary J. Crowell	72	10	12	Concord	F.	"	"			John Tibbets	Anna A. Arlin.
June 5	"	Sarah J. Hibbard	78	2	7	Loudon	"	"	M.			William Chase	—— Haynes.
23	"	Charles W. Smith	8	1	4		M.	"	W.			Rubin Chase	
July 16	"	Daniel Lamprey	78	9	15	Concord	"	"	M.			Daniel Lamprey	
15	"	Charles H. Danforth	77	3	15	Weare	"	"	"	Haverhill, Mass.	Weare	Gilman C. Danforth	Ruth Felch.
19	"	Levi Powers Benton	17	4	9	Derby Line, Vt.	"	"	S.	Vinton, Iowa	Bethel, Me.	Herbert Benton	Martha Powers.
13	"	Mary E. Tuttle	84	5	13	Warner	F.	"	M.	Newburyport,	Henniker	John Rogers	Lucinda Ray.
27	"	George A. Libby	70	5	27	Hopkinton	M.	"	"	Hopkinton [Mas	Hopkinton	William Libbey	Ellen Smart.
Aug. 10	"	Harriett D. Story	82	..	4	Warner	F.	"	W.	Warner	Warner	Sewell Story	Mary Bartlett.
19	"	Martha R. Chase	80	1	10	Freedom	"	"	"	Lincoln	Lincoln	Charles Bennett	Olive E. Brackett.
24	"	Lucius H. Tyler	96	9	5	Hopkinton	M.	"	"	Hopkinton	Hopkinton	Simeon Tyler	Hannah Rowell.
Sept. 3	"	Anna F. Stone	79	7	23	Providence, R. I.	F.	"	"			Welcome Darling	Sarah L. Onley.
15	"	Homer H. Haselton	27	3	8	Hopkinton	M.	"	M.	Hopkinton	Hopkinton	Herman Haselton	Nellie M. Dwinell.
Nov. 1	"	Ora M. Huntoon	75	6	..	Unity	"	"	"	Unity	Newport	Harvey Huntoon	Myra Moore.
20	"	Effie V. Baker	49	9	7	Hopkinton	F.	"	"		Hopkinton		Anna Palmer.
Dec. 13	"	Elwin B. Nichols	52	6	22	Weare	M.	"	"	Weare		Joshua Nichols	

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JOHN A. FULLER, *Town Clerk.*

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